## **REMARKS**

The present amendment to the German language claims is requested to delete reference to the multiple dependent claims for calculation of the U.S. filing fee(s).

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